(b) the total amount utilized, so far, in the State under the various rural development schemes; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government for maximum utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

(c) The Minsitry of Rural Development have developed a comprehensive system of monitoring through various mechanisms such as periodic Progress Reports, inspection by the State Government officials, field visits by Area-Officers, Meetings of the Performance Review Committee etc. to ensure achievements of target fixed under the Schemes and maximum utilisation of funds. A limit of 15% has also been placed on the opening balance the States may have at the beginning of the year. It has been impressed upon the State Chief Ministers also, from time to time, to ensure better utilisation of funds. Minister of Rural Development has also been visiting various States for review of the programmes and impressing upon the State authorities the need for effective and faster implementation of the Schemes, so as to achieve the target.

Houses constructed under IAY in Rajasthan

† 426. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed from 1985 to 2000 in Churu district of Rajasthan under the Indira Awas Yojana togetherwith the village-wise number of such houses and details of amount allocated for the same;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether National village and rehabilitation Mission has been set up; and

(c) the names of villages in which additional houses have been constructed under the action plan of this mission, the village-wise number of such houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) As per information received from the Government of Rajasthan, the number of houses constructed from 1985 to 2000 Churu District, Rajasthan under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is 7796 and Rs. 1423.536 lakh was allocated for the same. The Ministry of Rural Development does not monitor Village-wise performance under the IAY.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Development has set up a National Mission for Rural Housing and Habitat. However, no village-wise target for additional houses has been set by the Mission.

APCO Action Plan

427. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the APCO has prepared an action plan for Rs. 30 crore and placed an indent with 400 cooperative societies in different districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this would help weavers to generate fresh work for the weavers and ensure viability of the societies; and